

Meeting Minutes

CMS Final Rule on Medicaid HCBS

Subject	Monthly Meeting		Date/Time	April 9, 2014 /10 AM – 11:10 AM		
Location	DHHS Jefferson Square, J11 Conference Room					
Connection Info	Phone: (whichever is local for you)					
	803-726-9796	864-908-3279	843-737-7035			
Code 416055#						
Attendees						
SC HHS	Y/N	SC HHS	Y/N	Protection & Advocacy	Y/N	
Pete Liggett	Y	Ashley Caruk	N	Gloria Prevost	Y	
Kelly Eifert	Y	Roy Smith	Y	Nancy McCormick	Y	
Lara Sheehi	Y	Legislature	Y/N			
Rick Hepfer	Y	Tim Rogers	N	DDSN	Y/N	
George Maky	N			Beverly Buscemi	Y	
Kara Wagoner-Lewis	Y	SC Vocational Rehabilitation		Susan Beck	Y	
Anita Atwood	Y	Barbara Hollis	N	Janet Priest	N	
Mike Reynolds	Y	Linda Lieser	Y	Jacob Chorey	Y	
Jocelin Dawson	N			Dave Goodell	Y	
Cindy Pedersen	Y	AARP	Y/N	Tom Waring	Y	
Lisa Ragland	Y	Coretta Bedsole	Y			
Belinda Adams	N			DMH	Y/N	
Sherry Everett	Y	Providers	Y/N	Ligia Latiff-Bolet	N	
AnnMarie Dwyer	N	Joy Jay, <i>Mental Health America</i>	N	Sheila Mills	Y	
Jennifer Gilmore	Y	Phil Emory, <i>Gateway</i>	Y			
Adam Hiers	Y	Barbara Wright, <i>Helping Hands</i>	Y			
Alexis Martin	Y	Lynn Stockman, <i>Newberry County Council on Aging</i>	N			
Russell Morrison	Y					
Sheila Chavis	Y					
Monique McDaniels	Y					
Bryan Kost	Y					
Janina Johnson	Y					
Adrienne James	Y					

Agenda			
No.	Topic	Owner	References/handouts
1.	Welcome of New Members	Kelly Eifert	
2.	Review of Workgroups; Updates	Kelly Eifert	
3.	CMS Guidance		
4.	Transition plan – start putting together pieces		
5.	Tasks for this month		
6.	Agenda for next meeting		

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Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Review of Workgroups & Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita gave an update on the Waiver Renewal Group. Have met twice. Another meeting scheduled. They are looking at services and doing an analysis on the number of providers they need to assess (Lisa is doing that) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anita sent CMS some questions and got some feedback, some of which is inconsistent with their initial Webinar slides. Anita will send that information to Kelly to share with the group. ○ The group did ask CMS about reviewing other states Transition Plans. Beverly shared that 3 or 4 states have to submit plans next month. Anita shared that CMS said they would share “good or model” plans if/when received. ○ Kelly asked about the number of facilities they were looking at. Lisa estimated about 81 Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) facilities through Community & Long Term Care (CLTC). ○ Other facilities included about 1200 residential facilities for waiver participants through DDSN; about 90 Day Facilities also for waiver participants through DDSN, and 332 Community Residential Care Facilities (CRCFs) that were Medicaid. • Day & Residential Facilities group - Russell Morrison agreed to lead this group as he has already started putting together a facilities/participant assessment for a new waiver service under the Community Choices (CC) Waiver. This service could be provided to eligible participants that may reside in CRCF’s, so those facilities need to be assessed. They (CLTC) are looking to start enrolling providers in June or July. Kelly asked Russ if the group could use his assessment as a test model and as he conducted assessments, the group could use that information to adapt to other facilities.
2.	General Facilities Assessment discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly asked for suggestions on how we can assess all of these facilities as resources (time, people, funding) are tight, but it needs to happen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our understanding that the assessment of all facilities does not need to be complete before submitting any Transition Plans, but should be underway ○ Suggestion that assessors should not have a conflict of

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		<p>interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion that some type of self-study be distributed to providers for them to do an initial self-review to see where the gaps might be and allow them time to plan for changes; then follow up with an assessment by someone else ○ It was mentioned that CLTC does annual assessments of ADHC providers, perhaps the Final Rule assessment could be included as part of that ○ Also mentioned this would be something to include for new Provider Enrollment; let the folks in DHHS Enrollment who conduct site visits know about the assessment and include as part of the site visit ○ Jacob mentioned that DDSN's QIO conducts inspections of their facilities (Day Facilities?); perhaps they could incorporate Final Rule inspections as a part of that as well
3.	Systems Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly stated that she believed most of DDSN Day facilities/programs are not going to be in compliance • Wants us to have discussion about systems changes that may be needed; and how do we communicate that to providers so they can be planning; emphasis on integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jacob mentioned that DDSN policy with Day programs provides for/encourages community integration – how can we use that to help in the discussion? • Pete shared that it is important that participants have choice (services, where provided, etc); perhaps not all Day programs may need to change – some will; may be more about expansion rather than elimination • Need to discuss/explore systems changes in terms of participants/consumers having choice of providers, programming, location, etc. • Gloria shared that a ruling came out in Rhode Island against Sheltered Workshops. Article in NY Times. She will send link to Kelly to forward to the group. Certainly an impact as part of systems changes.
4.	Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to start communicating with Providers that change is coming, why, what it might look like. • Also want to seek their feedback, answer questions, minimize anxiety • Pete suggested a multi-phase communication plan; asked

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		<p>Monique to coordinate that; start with general information and get more specific later</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coretta suggested a provider forum where an overview of the Rule and changes could be offered and providers could ask questions; have it be an invitation from Pete and Barbara Wright • Barbara stated that the ADHC formed a new association: SC Adult Day Care Association; also the SC Adult Day Services Coalition; we can use those avenues to help communicate information • Gloria suggested we follow up with any emails or phone calls with something like a bulletin (in writing)
5.	Participants/Consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloria and Nancy suggested it be important to communicate general information about the Final Rule to participants/consumers/families; help allay any fears about changes • We can use the connections in the group to reach out and share information with participants/consumers/families; perhaps hold forums as well to answer questions
6.	Tasks for the month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver Renewal Group – meeting in two weeks • Day & Residential Facilities – coordinate meeting • Establish a communication plan – for providers, and consumers/families • Coordinate forums for providers
7.	Agenda items – next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small workgroup updates • Communications plan update • Provider meeting update

Action Items			
No.	Action Item	Owner	Target Completion Date
1.	Small Workgroups meet	Anita – Waiver Russ – Facilities	5/7/2014
2.	Create Communications plan	Kelly & Monique	5/7/2014
3.	Plan provider forum(s)	Kelly, Barbara, Roy, Alexis, Monique	5/7/2014
4.	Discuss potential participant/consumer/family forum	Kelly, Monique, Pete, others?	5/7/2014

Next Meeting: May 7, 2014, 10 a.m., Jefferson Square, J 11 Conference Room